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PINEHURST, N.C. - The No. 18-ranked Armstrong Atlantic State University women's golf team fired a final-round 308, the lowest round of the tournament, to finish second at the 2013 Pinehurst Challenge on Tuesday at the National Golf Club in Pinehurst, N.C.

The Pirates moved up three spots to second, finishing the tournament with a 640 total, six strokes behind team champion and host Wingate University (634). No. 10-ranked UNC Pembroke (641) finished third, while Carson-Newman (645) finished fourth and Mount Olive and Lincoln Memorial (655) rounded out the top five in the 16-team field.

Junior **Jenna Birch** shot a one-under-par 71 on Tuesday, the lowest individual round of the tournament, to finish tied for second with a 150 total, just one stroke behind individual champion Meghan Moore of UNC Pembroke (149). It is the sixth Top 5 finish for Birch this season and her ninth Top 10 finish in nine tournaments played this year.

Junior **Kiley Mettler** carded a 79 on Tuesday to finish tied for 17th with a 162 total, while junior **Kristen Sammarco** shot a second-round 78 to finish tied for 19th with a 163 total. Freshman **Brendie Rockholt** shot an 80 on Tuesday to finish tied for 24th with a 165 total and sophomore Pam Mosley rounded out the Pirates' team scoring with an 86, finishing tied for 45th with a 173 total.

Armstrong will now prepare to defend its Peach Belt Conference title from a year ago, heading back to Callaway Gardens on April 20-21 in Pine Mountain, Ga.



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